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POLICE CAMPAIGN AIMS TO CUT BOOZE DISORDER

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Troublesome and violent drunks could be banned from entering pubs and stopped from buying alcohol during set times following the launch of a new team to help fight booze-fuelled disorder.

In what is thought to be the first of its kind in the UK, Northamptonshire Police launched a new alcohol harm reduction team, to try to bring down late-night violence, crime and drunkenness.

The team, which will be made up of six constables and one sergeant, will carry out undercover checks on pubs, clubs and off-licences, highlighting crime trends in problem premises and making sure establishments adhere to the laws and do not sell to alcohol to people who are already drunk.

The team will also aim to crack down on underage booze sales.

The new team will also target street drinking and underage drinkers during the school holidays, however, it was revealed much of the work will be done at night and across weekends.

One of the tools police say they are planning to use is a booze ban, which officers say will be similar to an anti-social behaviour order (ASBO) and will be handed out to persistent drunks.

Officers said the orders, which are seen as "an extension" to PubWatch banning orders, are given out by magistrates and have the power to ban people from going to pubs and even from buying alcohol.

Chief Superintendent Paul Fell said: "We will be monitoring people who are arrested and dealt with in our town centres."

He said the team had already started the process of identifying people who could be given orders.



David Hedger (Trading Standards), Chief Inspector Dave Spencer, Chief Superintendent Paul Fell and Inspector Vaughan Clarke at the project launch

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Nationwide looks at moving to town centre location

Nationwide is considering moving into the proposed new university campus in Northampton town centre, it has been reported.

The company, which currently employs 2,100 staff in Moulton Park, announced this week it was exploring the option of moving to a site in the town centre.

The *Chronicle & Echo* has learnt the firm has four options it is looking into, with its first choice being a move to the St Peters Way area off the town centre and the second being a move to the new Waterside university campus off Bedford Road.

A third option is believed to be another location in the enterprise zone and the fourth is to renovate the

company's existing offices in Moulton Park.

Conservative MP for Northampton South, Brian Binley, said Nationwide's potential move to the town cen-

Company says 'Town is important location'

■ A spokesman for Nationwide said Northampton was an "important location" for the company. Nationwide has already begun talks with Northampton Borough Council about a possible move to the Enterprise Zone in the town centre. A spokesman for the company said: "With regards to our future in the town, we're carrying out a review of the options available to us including the redevelopment of our existing site or the development of a new property in the Enterprise Zone in the town centre."

tre was "great news" for the town.

He said: "This is a great announcement for Northampton and proves it is alive.

"We have an announcement which suggests Nationwide is going to move its headquarters to the Waterside Enterprise zone.

"That means 2,100 jobs in the town centre and if you add that together with the new jobs already created it is exciting news.

"If you add the new cinema and new cafe in the skatepark and take into account the fact the gasometer is due to come down in a couple of months to allow development around St Peter's roundabout you can see Northampton is coming alive and we are doing what we said we would do."

Cloudy2Clear Windows – Service With A Smile!

It's been a crazy few months for Cloudy2Clear Windows. The company which specialises in repairing windows which are steamed up, broken or damaged by replacing the panes – not the frames has grown rapidly as homeowners take advantage of their services.

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approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for,

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"Pointless plan for non-existent castle"

■ Liberal Democrat politicians have said Northampton's former castle should not be celebrated "as it does not exist". Multi-million pound plans to create a 'heritage gateway' to celebrate the 12th century castle were revealed earlier this month. But Councillor Sarah Uldall (*Lib Dem, St George*) has said the scheme was pointless. Speaking during a meeting of the county council, she said: "We're spending millions celebrating a piece of our heritage that, in

fact, no longer exists. Unfortunately, our Victorian ancestors saw fit to raise the castle to the ground, so I think this whole concept is based on a fairly flimsy premise." Her argument has been dismissed by Northampton South's Conservative MP, Brian Binley. He said: "The castle exists just below the surface and also in the imagination of young people. Comments like these just show how limited the Liberal Democrats' imagination is."

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Fans join stars with Grand Prix praise

Formula 1 fans and celebrities who attended this year's British Grand Prix at Silverstone have all praised the Northamptonshire circuit.

More than 120,000 fans attended the track to watch the stars of Formula 1 do battle on Sunday. While they were not rewarded with a British win, the vast majority agreed the event had been a great success.

Celebrity fans at the track included former Spice Girl, Geri Halliwell, and Radio 2 DJ, Chris Evans.

Motorsports fan Evans said: "I admire Formula 1 drivers tremendously, but I wouldn't want to do what they do, I'm much more happy watching."

Geri Halliwell was mobbed by the press as she walked through the pits with fellow celebrities, Carol Vorderman and Amanda Holden.

The Spice Girl said: "I love it here at Silverstone. My father was a car dealer and he used to take me to races as a little girl, so it's really exciting to be here now."

Other stars at the track included singer Leo Sayer, celebrity chef, James Martin, musician Goldie and Harry Potter star Rupert Grint.

He said: "I've been here a few times in the past but this is the first time I've been since it's changed. It looks great."

James Righton, from The Klaxons, who married actress Keira Knightley last month, was also at the circuit, as were former drivers Nigel Mansell and Sir Jackie Stewart.



Amanda Holden, Geri Halliwell and Carol Vorderman (top); Leo Sayer and Nigel Mansell; Chris Evans and Chronicle & Echo reporter, Wayne Bontoft

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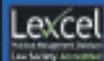
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Summer of live music starts with NNestival

Northampton's summer of live music festivals starts this weekend with NNestival.

The inaugural event is being held at Midsummer Meadow and will be headlined by The Moons.

NNestival marks the beginning of a summer of live outdoor music across Northampton, which includes Walk In The Park at Wootton, Alive at Delapre and the Northampton Music Festival.

NNestival is part of the Waterfront Festival which will feature events and activities along the River Nene. It has been or-

ganised by Bekki Frost and Gary Cottis. Miss Frost said: "We approached the council explaining we wanted to put on a festival. We are in our first year and they asked if we'd link up with the Waterfront Festival."

"We had a stage at the Vintage Festival last year and we were planning for that but it was cancelled. It was something we put a lot of work into it and we didn't want it to go to waste. We wanted to promote everything about the county really. There's going to be artists, musicians, food and drink stall - all who are local."

"We've got The Moons headlining and bands including An Army Of Lights, The Mobbs, Furious 55s, JJ Stone, Sgt Bilko's Krazy Combo, Danny Connor's new band The Subtle Devils and Kenneth J Nash," she added. Kettering's Potbelly Brewery has also made a special ale which will be on sale. There will also be bicycle powered Scalextric and smoothie makers.

Mr Cottis said: "We've had a good reaction from people. They're being supportive and want to get involved."

For more details, visit <http://on.fb.me/14wV9aa>.

Different activities take place in the five zones

THE NNestival is part of the Waterfront Festival which will feature five other zones along the River Nene. The event will take place this Saturday and Sunday.

The Big Screen zone will include coverage of the Wimbledon finals and comedy by the Fairly Famous Family performing their show, Anyone for Tennis? The Sports Zone will include community games by

sports coaches, while the Craft and Vintage Zone will feature hand-made items by local artists in the Made in Northamptonshire Marquee and vintage items on the Most Marvellous stalls.

Radlands Plaza will be celebrating its first birthday at the Skate Zone, while the Water-Sport Zone at the Nene White-water Centre will be providing

discounted activities including rafting, tubing, canoeing and rowing.

Councillor David Mackintosh, leader of Northampton Borough Council, said: "We are organising a fantastic summer of events to continue the celebrations of what Northampton has to offer."

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Headquarters plan

won't go over budget

Leader's pledge on £43m development

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The leader of Northamptonshire County Council has pledged that plans for a £43 million new headquarters for the authority will not be allowed to run over budget or over time.

Six possible designs for the new council headquarters were revealed this week.

It is planned to move 2,000 council staff from buildings across Northampton into the new office complex, which is due to be built on a council car park at the back of County Hall by autumn 2016.

The leader of the authority, Councillor Jim Harker (Con, Ise) said: "This building has to be completed on time and on

cost. I won't let this become one of those sad stories you hear of public buildings which end up overrunning and costing extra. We're not going to have that here."

The authority has claimed the development will save up to £54 million which would have been spent on the running costs of the 12 existing buildings.

They have also estimated that the 2,000 people who would be brought back into Northampton town centre would bring £12 million into the area's economy each year.

Councillor Harker said he also believed the development would become a modern icon for Northampton.

He said: "I think we're very pleased with the way all the different architects have responded to the design challenge.

"Obviously these are still

sketches and there will still be a lot more detailed work to do, but I hope this will create a landmark new building for Northampton.

"This is an important site and this will be a large new building for the town centre, so inevitably it will be a landmark."

But members of the public gave a more muted response to the design proposals.

Commenting on the *Chron's* Facebook page, Stewart Wright said the modern designs resembled a 'prison made out of Lego'.

Highlighting the Guildhall as a Northampton landmark, he added: "Not a day goes by when local people don't bemoan the loss of some wonderful old buildings in our town.

"Those were replaced by Le-gostyle monstrosities which we all hate such as the bus station and Sol Central. The one piece

of architecture that's truly great is the Guildhall. So please put a bit of effort in. We don't want another prison."

Matt Kingsley Wright also expressed concerns about the location of the proposed building in Angel Street, at the back of County Hall.

He said: "Where are the people who work here going to park their cars? One thing for sure is because it's hidden away on Angel Street no one will ever see it and it will never be an icon."

Plans for the Project Angel building were first revealed by the county council in 2010.

It is planned that the office development will have a small number of shops at its base, with offices for council staff above.

County Hall would remain the civic hub for the authority, with council meetings still



held there. Some of the historic buildings around County Hall could however be converted into shops or a hotel.

All six possible designs for Project Angel are on show at the library in Northampton town centre until tomorrow evening.

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Architect slams the designs

A WORLD-RENNED architect has said all the designs for Northamptonshire County Council's new head office are "dull" and labelled some of the designs no better than a budget hotel.

Will Alsop was born in Northampton but now runs an architectural practice in London and undertakes top-flight design projects across the world.

Discussing the plans for Northampton's Project Angel building he said: "There seems to be a distinct lack of bravery in Northampton."

"If you're going to spend more than £40 million on a new public building like this, you want something that's going to make a real contribution to the town. I don't think any of these proposals work on that level."

The design expert, who also teaches architecture, said that in his opinion, design F was the dullest of all, while A looked like a budget hotel.

He was more appreciative of designs B and C for their uses of colour and inclusion of public spaces.

He also admitted design D was more "pleasurable" than the others, although he labelled the fact the building was in the shape of a large 'N' "corny".

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Celebrities lined up for Strictly contest

An international opera singer, a personal trainer to the stars and a county cricketer are among the contestants taking part in this year's Strictly Northampton.

The 16 celebrities from Northampton and the surrounding area who will compete in the fourth annual charity dance contest have now been announced ...and it's another cracking line-up!

Tickets for the show, which takes place at the Royal & Derngate theatre on Saturday, November 23, went on sale last Friday, and more than 700 have already been snapped up.

The show, sponsored by Fong Spa, has become a highlight of the town calendar and over the past three years has raised £70,000 for charity. This year, all the profits from the show will go to Cynthia Spencer Hospice.

The girls include Katie Wright, a former BBC Apprentice contestant who is now promoting business de-

velopment with young people, international opera singer Alison Roddy, and Dr Naomi Caldwell, from the Cynthia Spencer Hospice, Charlotte Heditch, a paramedic based in Kingsthorpe, Sarah Bonner, president of the Law Society for Northamptonshire, and Bobbie Keane, manager at Fong Spa in Weston Favell.

The Mercury's Stacey McFaul, display manager in the advertising team, will also take part in the event, along with Stephanie Boak, executive assistant to the chief operating officer at The University of Northampton, another sponsor of the event.

This year's men include Steven Crook, first team player for Northamptonshire County Cricket Club, and Martin Parsons, a firefighter with Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Two more contestants are Lee Andrew, a celebrity fitness consultant, and Neil Rooney, hairdresser at Outcast Hair

Salon, where the dancers will get their hair styled. Also lined up is Kieran O'Connor, who played at Old Northamptonians Rugby Club until he suffered a shattered kidney in a freak accident during a game earlier this year.

Conservative councillor for Abington Tony Ansell, who is also the owner of All Saints Bistro and The Park Cafe in Abington Park, Joe Church, who plays in Northampton band, Odd Child and James Nunn, owner of a home and property maintenance company, will also compete.

Strictly Northampton 2013, produced by Step By Step Dance School in Henry Street, in association with The University of Northampton, the Chronicle & Echo, BBC Radio Northampton and Image magazine, will see the well-known Northampton personalities paired with professional dancers as they compete for the winner's trophy, while raising funds for charity.

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The global cosmetics firm demolished its old head office in the town in 2010, shortly after a

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The company has now notified Northampton Borough Council that it plans to knock down a number of remaining buildings which were once used

to make cosmetics.

In a letter to the authority, the firm's director of global real estate, Carole Stronach, said: "The intended demolition of buildings at the Avon site is due to take place as the manufacturing business has since been

relocated and the buildings are therefore defunct and no longer needed for operational purposes. This latest phase of demolition follows a previous programme of demolition of redundant buildings that has taken place on the site."

The redundant buildings which will be removed from the site include a fuel storage tank, a chemical store and a water tank.

Avon has said it expected the environmental impact of the work to be minimal. Long-term plans for the Nunn Mills

area of Northampton could see a new campus for The University of Northampton built next to Avon's headquarters.

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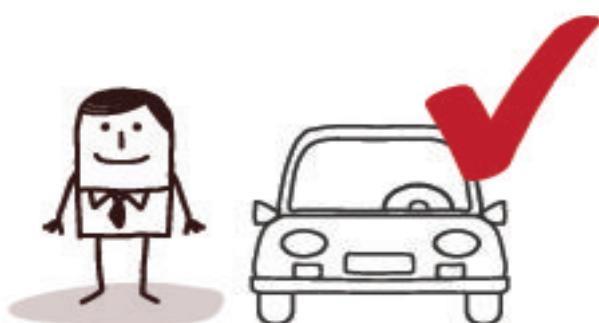
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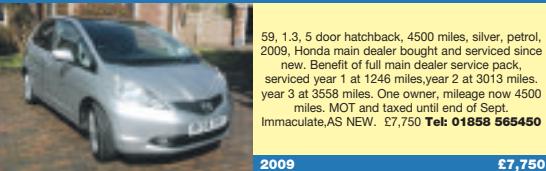
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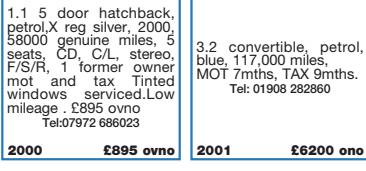
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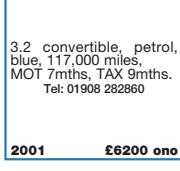
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Skipper Wakely in plea to fans

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STEELBACKS skipper Alex Wakely has urged the club's fans to pack out the County Ground for Friday's night's Friends Life t20 showdown with Warwickshire Bears (start 6.30pm).

Northants got their campaign off to a flying start with a 41-run win over Gloucestershire Gladiators last Friday in a rain-affected match that was reduced to 12 overs a side.

The rain played its part in keeping many supporters away for that game, but with the weather seemingly set fair this week-

CRICKET

end, Wakely would love to see the 'fullhouse' signs go up at Wantage Road as his in-form side go for another victory.

"The Warwickshire game should be a really exciting one," said Wakely.

"It would be lovely to get a full crowd in and I think it could be a high-scoring game."

Following Friday night's showdown, Northants go to Taunton to take on Mid/West/Wales Group favourites Somerset Sabres on

Sunday, and Wakely admitted: "This weekend is very big for us against Somerset and Warwickshire."

"If we can come out of that with two wins we'll be in a really good position."

Against Gladiators, Steelbacks made 124 for four in their 12 overs, before the visitors were restricted to 83 for nine in reply.

It was an emphatic win, and Wakely said: "If you could draw up a perfect 12-over game then that would be it. It was one of those performances where everyone did their job."

Hamilton's British GP frustration

LEWIS HAMILTON was left to reflect on the British Grand Prix win that got away after seeing his latest Silverstone victory bid end in a blur of shredded Pirelli rubber.

The driver for the Brackley-based Mercedes team had looked on course to add to his masterful 2008 triumph at the Northants track when he surged into the lead from pole position in Sunday's race.

FORMULA 1

But he accelerated down the Wellington Straight on the eighth lap, Hamilton's left-rear tyre suddenly exploded. Hamilton was not alone in suffering such a fate, with Felipe Massa, Jean-Eric Vergne and Sergio Perez also being hit by left-rear failures on an embarrassing day for the sport.

The Briton launched a su-

perb recovery drive from last through to fourth, but said: "I'm disappointed with the race and I would have loved to deliver the win for all the British fans here at Silverstone."

"The race started so well for us; I felt comfortable out in front and was managing my pace. The tyre problem was such a shame and from then it was just a case of giving it my all and battling as far up the field as possible."

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